

whose face is ever illumed with the welcoming smile. They pass away and our thought and love cry after them, and we strain our eyes to see into the dim land of their evanishment. We return and walk sorrowfully about the places associated with their earthly pilgrimage, and recall the kindness, the beauty, the truth, the patience of a noble and uplifting life.

It is not well to dwell always in an atmosphere of sadness, but there comes at such seasons a beauty of character and a strength of purpose unknown to the superficial life. Jesus was a man of sorrows and we may not know how much of his divine tenderness and sympathy, or his rock-like strength of character, is due to this most marked and most persevering element of his earthly experience.

Let us not suffer the flippancy of a superficial age to bar our walking, when it is meet, in the wide, wide realm of the sorrow of the world and the sorrow of the soul, for we will see there the foot prints of the Master, and meet there the angels of purity and comfort and strength.

College Notes

There are now twenty-six students enrolled and others are arranging to come. There is yet large room for any who wish to come.

The work in the several classes is moving along encouragingly, and students express themselves as well pleased with the instruction.

Students in the Rhetoric class under professor L. L. Garber are having some very rich experiences in the formation of correct sentences and in the reconstruction of certain composition. This is wholesome drill and the professor knows just how to give it.

The Pierian society has been reorganized and the first program was rendered last Friday evening. It was a profitable evening spent together.

It affords us pleasure to record the fact that so many of the students attend our young people's meeting and take part in the services.

Each morning at nine o'clock professor Miller conducts devotional services in the chapel, at which time all students are expected to be present. Song, Bible reading, and prayer constitute the service.

The Bible class under professor Miller is doing excellent work. The professor has outlined a year's work in the Old Testament for his students, and those who heard him at Winona Conference in his exposition of Romans will know what it means to be under his instruction. It is expected to cover the entire Old Testament in the school year. The work is largely historical, but it is also exegetical, homiletical, doctrinal, explanatory, critical, and in fact every other "ical" and "tory." Why are there not forty students in this class from the brotherhood? Why not? Does not the church need trained young men for the ministry? It surely does, and much of that training should be Bible training.

Personal Mention

Brother M. C. Myers reports two more accessions in his charge.

Brother Gillin writes: "Work moves slowly along. This is sowing time for our church work here and I am improving the time."

Brother Furry has done a practical service in giving us that editorial from a Chicago paper on the "Old Gospel." Read what is said about it.

It is with a sad heart that we chronicle the death of brother Jacob Rothenberger, La Paz, Indiana. Further notice will appear later.

In ordering some tracts Brother Hubbard says: "I desire to distribute them among those who know nothing of Christ and very little of our church."

Sabbath morning the editor was called to preach in the M. E. church, this city, and in the evening Brother Miller spoke to the young people in the U. B. church.

The topic cards are now ready and orders can be filled. Brother Furry has introduced a doctrinal subject once each month, and this we believe will meet with favor among all our people.

After Conference, Brother Wampler spent some time with the churches of Indiana, preaching and giving chart lectures. Brother Wampler's lectures are quite entertaining and instructive.

Brother C. F. Yoder is engaged in revival work at Morrill, Kan. When last heard from there were eleven accessions, and the meetings interesting and largely attended, notwithstanding the constant rain.

One more added to the Zion Hill church by baptism since last report, and grand prospects for more. The church is in excellent working order. So writes the pastor, Brother Keifer.

Two Appeals.—Read the correspondence by Brethren Lyon and Copp, in this issue, and after reading, act at once. To tell the need should be sufficient appeal to all who love souls and who desire the prosperity of Zion.

The article which appears in our young people's department, "Bearing Our Trials," by brother L. S. Bauman, should have appeared last week in connection with the topic of same title, but it can yet be used by those who get the paper before Sabbath, and most of our people do. The article, however, is good reading at any time.

The article by sister Alma Hardman, in the S. S. C. E. department, was read at the Sisters' session, Winona Conference. The papers read by our sisters at the different conferences confirm what we have repeatedly insisted upon, that there is excellent literary talent among the membership of our sisters. Why do they not write more frequently? Talent wrapped in a napkin is not the way to use it.

When last heard from, Brother Furry was at Lappans, Md., at the bedside of his father who is expected to leave this world any hour. Brother Furry and his father are the only survivors of a family of seven, mother and four children having already departed. The death of his father will leave brother W. D. the sole representative of the family. He has our sympathies in this hour of sorrow. May the gracious Lord comfort and sustain him.

From brother E. H. Smith we learn that the new Brethren church building in Bedford County, Pa., known as the Fairview church, is to be dedicated October 2nd. Brethren Haskins, Spanogle, Smouse, Furry and J. L. Bowman, together with the pastor, are expected to be present. We trust one of these brethren will give us a report of the services. There will be preparatory services Friday and Saturday evenings.

Brother Marcus A. Witter, now pastor at Jones Mills, Pa., bought some tracts at the late Conference, and in writing this is what he says: "I consider the twenty-five cents that I spent for Brethren tracts the

best spent quarter that ever left my hands. Brother Yoder's tract on "The Gospel of Giving" has been worth several quarters to me." That is the experience of all who make a judicious use of tracts. As to the "Gospel of Giving," that little booklet should be in the hands of every member in the Brethren church. It will pay any pastor to put one of them into the hands of each member in his congregation. The edition is almost exhausted. Order at once.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

1. Why did David select five smooth stones when it only took one to kill Goliath?

David was only a man. He could not tell any more than you or I could how many he might need. To have taken one might have been just as well but it would have been very presumptuous. Five is not a prophetic number and carries with it no special significance.

2. Which is the first day of the week?
Sunday.

3. Can there be a baptism suited to children who are without faith, and a baptism suited to believers and yet be but one baptism?

I know of but one Apostolic, Christian Baptism,—the original Trine Immersion administered to believers according to the great commission.

4. Does the baptism of water and of the Spirit become an effectual means of salvation to any but believers?

No. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6.

5. Is not the present enjoyment of the benefits and blessings of the gospel confined to believers?

Yes, in their highest sense. But at the same time all the world has felt the touch of the Divine hand in the affairs of men, as the power of the gospel in its ever-increasing sway, charms, beautifies and fills with joy the hearts of men.

6. Is there a command in the Bible to *Rantize* (sprinkle) or Baptize (immerse) any but believers?

There is no command to "*rantize*" any one, believer or unbeliever. This word occurs but *four* times in the New Testament and never in connection with the ordinance or doctrine of baptism. I have never been able to find a command to immerse (Greek Baptize) any but penitent believers.

Fraternally,

J. A. MILLER.

SELECTED GEMS

We cannot know the future. Why then should we fear it when it may be brighter than we think?

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.

We are not fit for heaven while we rejoice that anybody is to be shut out.

Why should we improperly condone in men immoralities which we properly condemn in women?

If you are in doubt whether you have found Christ, you have not found Christ.